

MCLUAC (Middle Canyon Land Use Advisory Committee)
Minutes from June 22nd, 2021 Meeting
Location: Gateway Glacier Annex Building

Call to Order: 7:10 p.m.

Committee Members:

- Sharon Demeester 12/31/21
- Aubrie Loroña (not present) 12/31/22
- Lexi Woods 12/31/23
- Victoria Lee 12/31/23
- Joe Hoff (not present) 12/31/23

- Mark Mussman, Director Flathead County Planning and Zoning

Approval of Agenda posted on the Flathead County Website on June 18th, 2021

- Lexi motioned to approve the agenda. Victoria seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of April 27, 2021 minutes as amended

- Victoria motioned to approve the April 27, 2021 minutes. Lexi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Public Comments

- None

Old business

- West Glacier Vision Plan (WGVP) Review and Adoption
 - Mary Tee McClelland – we have a community driven roadmap. The focus groups have shared visions and the things we all agree on, we have focused on those items. A recap of the shared goals are:
 1. Preserve Community Character and Sense of Place
 2. Create a Safe and Resilient Community
 3. Enhance Community Communications and Participation
 4. Support Sustainable Outdoor Recreation Opportunities
 5. Provide Seamless Transportation Connections
 - The Plan addresses practical and visionary issues important to the community. We first set the goals and then we create action items based off of those goals.
 - Mark Mussman – The only comments/concerns I can think of are:
 1. The County Commissioners will first ask, “What is this going to cost?” Since this is a policy statement plan, this will cost \$0.00. There is no residual cost whatsoever. This is good.
 2. The County Commissioners might not like the fact that the Plan uses the terminology, “climate change” which attributes to differences in political ideologies.
 3. They (Commissioners) bristled to work camp and dark sky standards. Even though Glacier National Park is the first International Dark Sky Park, they might have some reluctance in regards to the Vision Plan.

- Mary Tee McClelland – we can explain our thoughts and how we came to the general consensus of said thoughts. The community is wanting to support this.
- Mark Mussman – make sure to place emphasis on the pervasive wildfire danger. Focus on wildfire mitigation.
- Lexi Woods – where do we go from here?
- Mark Mussman – review the WGVP, know what is in it. Pass a motion to recommend its approval as an addendum to the Canyon Plan. With the 2.5 weeks left in my current position, I plan to write a memo/staff report to the Commissioners reviewing the work that has been done, collaborations that have been made, who the main stakeholders are, etc. Understanding that the addendum is not a lot of heavy lifting by the Commissioners; but rather, the planning board. The only hearing required is in front of the planning board. I highly recommend adopting the addendum. The next step is to pass a motion to recommend. Then we (commissioners) need to formally recognize the Canyon Plan.
- Victoria Lee – motioned to make the West Glacier Vision Plan an addendum to the Canyon Plan.
- Lexi Woods – seconded the motion to make the West Glacier Vision Plan an addendum to the Canyon Plan.
- Passed, unanimously: 7:24pm, June 22, 2021
- Mary Tee McClelland – the next hurdle is presenting to the planning board. I plan to write a letter to take to them—well thought out statements plus Mark's endorsements.

New Business:

- Minor Land Use
 - Mark Mussman – there have been approx. 6 short term rentals: around the golf course, Lake 5, on Blankenship Road. Glacier Raft Company put in for a Minor Land Use to update an existing structure for employee housing.
- Major Land Use
 - Mark Mussman – Whistle Stop Retreat: still in progress.
- Mary Tee McClelland – on behalf of everyone, I would like to thank Mark Mussman for all he has done for this committee, community, and surrounding areas. Mark has helped us bridge differences. We wish him a wonderful next chapter.

Public Attendees

Mary Tee McClelland (phoned in)

Adjournment 7:53 p.m.

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Code compliance web page:

https://flathead.mt.gov/planning_zoning/codecompliance.php

Complaint violation form:

https://flathead.mt.gov/planning_zoning/documents/ComplaintFormupdated12.19.16.pdf